

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Restriction Requirement

The claims of the instant application are subject to a Restriction Requirement. The claims have been divided as: Group I - claims 1-21 - process for producing a proton-conducting polymer membrane; Group II - claims 22-28 - proton-conducting membrane.

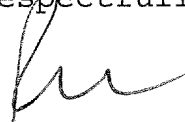
Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-21, without traverse.

Applicant further reserves the right to file divisional applications for any none elected inventions as provided in the Rules.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests an early Notice of Allowance in this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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